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CATTLE ON FEED

COLORADO

The number of cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Colorado feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or larger was estimated at 1,000,000 head as of July 1, 2011. The latest inventory was down 7 percent from June 1, 2011, but up 9 percent from the 920,000 on feed on July 1, 2010. The inventory included 690,000 steers and steer calves, up 9 percent from the previous year. The number of heifers and heifer calves, at 305,000 head, was up 9 percent from the previous year. The number of cows and bulls totaled 5,000, and remained unchanged from last year. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 175,000 head of fed cattle during June 2011. This was up 17 percent from May 2011 marketings of 150,000 head and 3 percent above a year ago. An estimated 105,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during June, 25 percent below May 2011 placements and 16 percent below last year's placements for the same time period. Of the number placed in June, 19 percent weighed less than 600 pounds, 24 percent weighed from 600 to 699 pounds, 29 percent weighed from 700 to 799 pounds, and 29 percent weighed 800 pounds or greater. Other disappearance during June 2011, at 10,000 head, was the same as last month but 5,000 head more than last year.

UNITED STATES

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.5 million head on July 1, 2011. The inventory was 4 percent above July 1, 2010. The inventory included 6.52 million steers and steer calves, up 4 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 62 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.89 million head, up 3 percent from 2010. Placements in feedlots during June totaled 1.70 million, 4 percent above 2010. Net placements were 1.63 million head. During June, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 460,000, 600-699 pounds were 380,000, 700-799 pounds were 420,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 435,000. Marketings of fed cattle during June totaled 2.10 million, 5 percent above 2010. Other disappearance totaled 70,000 during June, 27 percent above 2010.

U.S. All Cattle

Cattle on feed July 1, 2011, from all feedlots in the United States, totaled 12.2 million, up 3 percent from the 11.9 million on July 1, 2010. Cattle on feed in feedlots with 1,000 or more head accounted for 86 percent of the total cattle on feed on July 1, 2011, up from 85 percent last year.

CATTLE INVENTORY JULY 1, 2011

UNITED STATES

All cattle and calves in the United States as of July 1, 2011, totaled 100.0 million head, 1 percent below the 101.1 million on July 1, 2010.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 40.6 million, were down 1 percent from July 1, 2010.

- **Beef cows**, at 31.4 million, were down 1 percent from July 1, 2010.
- **Milk cows**, at 9.2 million, were up 1 percent from July 1, 2010.

Other class estimates on July 1, 2011 and the changes from July 1, 2010, are as follows:

- **All heifers** 500 pounds and over, 16.0 million, down 1 percent.
- **Beef replacement heifers**, 4.2 million, down 5 percent.
- **Milk replacement heifers**, 4.2 million, up 4 percent.
- **Other heifers**, 7.6 million, down 2 percent.
- **Steers** weighing 500 pounds and over, 14.2 million, down 1 percent.

- **Bulls** weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.0 million, down 5 percent.
- **Calves under 500 pounds**, 27.2 million, down 1 percent.
- **All cattle and calves on feed** for slaughter, 12.2 million, up 3 percent.

The 2011 calf crop is expected to be 35.5 million, down 1 percent from 2010. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 25.8 million, down slightly from 2010.